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CATAWBA COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES NAMES EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

The dedicated men and women who serve as paramedics and in other phases of emergency response are constantly in training on the latest techniques and procedures used to keep the public safe. One of the persons responsible for facilitating training for Catawba County Emergency Medical Services has been recognized by his co-workers for his outstanding work.

David Hewat was recently named Catawba County EMS Employee of the Year for 2010. EMS employees are asked annually to nominate co-workers who exemplify dedication and professionalism, and who make significant contributions to the service or overall profession.

Hewat began work with Catawba County EMS in December 1983 as a part-time employee. He became a full-time employee with Catawba County in September 1985. He has served on the service's training committee since its creation in the late 1980s, and was named a Chief Trainer when that position was created in the early 1990s. He continues in that role today.



EMS Training Officer David Hewat, right, works with CVCC student Kisah Isbell as part of his duties.

The employee who nominated Hewat for the award spoke highly of his skills as a Paramedic who is able to quickly and accurately pick up on subtle cues in patients, and therefore assess and treat them effectively. Hewat was praised as a teacher and trainer, known for adapting his presentations to accommodate the different ways employees learn.

The letter of nomination concluded by saying, "David... [has] an honest desire to see our employees improve and succeed. He also understands that by improving the individual, the service as a whole will benefit."

Hewat cited the "ability to treat patients solely on our assessments" and the fact "that every day is different" as some of the most enjoyable aspects of his career with Catawba County EMS.

"My hopes for the service would be that future employees take a great interest in pre-hospital medicine and that they are never satisfied with the knowledge they possess," Hewat said.